A RESOLUTION BY 01- \$\mathcal{R}\$ -0415 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT MIXED INCOME HOUSING STRATEGIES, CITY-WIDE AND REQUESTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACHIEVE THAT PURPOSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the population of the City is now steadily growing after decades of decline; and

WHEREAS, new and rehabilitation housing development activities are occurring throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the costs of residential land and construction are rising; and

WHEREAS, the availability and adequacy of housing for lower income people are declining; and

WHEREAS, City policy encourages a mix of housing costs and housing types to meet the needs of all our citizens and especially those of lower income; and

WHEREAS, City policy encourages shortening the distance between housing and employment centers, especially for lower income people; and

WHEREAS, lands available to accommodate new populations exist along underutilized commercial corridors, obsolescent industrial properties and other suitable underdeveloped lands; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists to shape these properties into mixed-use, mixed-income development patterns that build, enhance and link communities; and

WHEREAS, patterns of gentrification have emerged that, in some instances, have spawned unscrupulous real estate practices, predatory lending or other exploitative activities victimizing homeowners, especially those of lower income; and

WHEREAS, information related to affordable housing, gentrification and unscrupulous real estate practices is not well synthesized nor often readily available; and

WHEREAS, programs as identified in Attachment A, are available to respond to the range of housing needs and especially those of lower income people, but need to be enhanced and supplemented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>: It is the intent of the City Council to provide the development framework, programs and incentives to increase and improve the housing supply for the City's growing population and full range of markets, and especially for those in the lower income market.

<u>Section 2</u>: To carry out this intent, the City Council requests that the Executive Branch analyze and seek ways to better integrate and synthesize the existing housing programs, including those at city, state and federal levels as well as private, non-profit, and foundation programs.

<u>Section 3</u>: The City Council further requests investigation and recommendations for implementing tax incentives, zoning strategies, and new funding programs such as a city housing trust fund, all for the purposes of implementing mixed income housing strategies and more, city wide.

<u>Section 4</u>: The City Council further requests the development of a comprehensive information sharing system for affordable housing, informing citizens about gentrification and unscrupulous real estate practices, especially as these affect lower income people.

Section 5: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are rescinded.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

Greg Pridgeon, Mayor's Office To Mayor's Office: (for review & distribution to Executive Management) Director Signature Commissioner Signature Musice From: Originating Dept. DPDNC/ Comm. OfficeContact (Name) Mike Dobbins Committee Deadline 2/16/01 Committee of Purview ______CD/HR____ City Council Meeting Date 3/5/01 Committee Meeting Date 2/28/01 CAPTION: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT MIXED INCOME HOUSING STRATEGIES, CITY-WIDE AND REQUESTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACHIEVE THAT PURPOSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION: FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): OTHER DEPARTMENT(S) IMPACTED: COORDINATED REVIEW WITH: Mayor's Staff Only Submitted to Council: Received by Mayor's Office: Reviewed:

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